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During the last two weeks of February 1948, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria began to issue pistols - allegedly Walther pistols - to Party officials. Distribution is not determined by the rank of the individual in the Party, but is based upon a Party evaluation of his reliability. At the present time, it appears that all reliable Communist officials in Vienna down to the level of Zellenleiter (cell leaders) have been so armed.

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